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In re Patent Application of:  
Gellman et al.

Application No.: 10/667159

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For: BONE ANCHOR PLACEMENT DEVICE  
WITH RECESSED ANCHOR MOUNT

Examiner: Robert, E.C.

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This response is being filed in reply to the Office Action dated October 19, 2004, in connection with the above-identified application. The period for response has been extended to February 19, 2005, by the accompanying petition for an one-month extension of time.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.